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## ACE Sur de Africa - frA+Embassies of Spain Visiting Lecturers Grants 2024

The Society of Spanish Researchers in Southern Africa (ACE Sur de Africa) is a not-for-profit society aiming to disseminate excellent-quality research and facilitate collaboration opportunities contributing to the cultural enrichment and knowledge advance of both Spanish and Southern-African countries societies.

ACE Sur de Africa is committed in boosting the relations between Spanish and Southern-African tertiary institutions so they can exchange both students and staff members, initiate high-quality research projects and consolidate existing relations which have been productive in the recent past. To achieve this goal, the **ACE Sur de Africa - frA+Embassies of Spain Visiting Lecturers Grants Program 2024** is intended for **six** Faculty members of Universities or Research institutions located in Spain to visit Universities or Research institutions in Angola, Botswana, Comores, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

These grants are awarded by ACE Sur de Africa and they are sponsored by the Ramón Areces Foundation (frA) and the Embassies of Spain in Angola, Mozambique, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

- One of the grants - funded by the Embassy of Spain in Zimbabwe - will be specifically allocated to be spent at institutions of Zimbabwe/Zambia/Malawi for research, teaching, capacity building in the field of One Health with wildlife conservation approach.
- One of the grants - funded by the Embassy of Spain in Angola - will be specifically allocated to be spent at institutions of Angola for research, teaching, capacity building in the field of Human Health.

Each of these six grants is endowed with a **EUR 1 800,00 (tax-free) for each recipient**. This amount is expected to cover one return flight and local expenses during the visit.

The Ramón Areces Foundation was created in 1976 with the broad objective of fostering scientific and technical research in Spain and culture in general. Ever since its creation the Ramón Areces Foundation has constantly and firmly supported scientific research as the driving force behind progress and modernity.

**ELIGIBILITY** - Interested applicants must:

- Be a faculty member (Personal Docente e Investigador PDI) either permanent or on a fixed-term contract basis at any university or research institute (CSIC, OPIs, etc.) in Spain.
- Find a host group or department - and a host researcher responsible for the visit - in one university or research institute located in Angola, Botswana, Comores, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
- Present a teaching and/or research program for the time of the visit, for a minimum of either five working days or ten teaching/working hours. Teaching programs at the level of Masters or PhD are encouraged since they are easier to be implemented beyond administrative constraints.

**Evaluation criteria:** The Evaluation Committee will evaluate applications as follows: Productivity and scientific career of the academic (30%); Prestige of the institution and the researcher/host group (30%) ; Quality, feasibility and impact of the proposal (40%).

Please contact the President of the Award **Dr Maria Jesus Herrero** (U. of Pretoria & U. of San Sebastián) for any questions in her email [maria.herrero@uss.cl](mailto:maria.herrero@uss.cl).

- The beneficiary will also offer a public talk at the host institution for wide audiences. Promotion of such an event will be facilitated by the ACE Sur de Africa and the Embassies of Spain in the region.
- Any research output or published teaching material issued as a consequence of the visit should acknowledge the financial support of both the Ramón Areces Foundation, ACE Sur de Africa and the Embassies of Spain in the region.
- The visit should take place before December 31 2024 unless some major reason discourages its realisation.

**PROCEDURE** - The selection of the awardees will be done according to the procedure outlined below.

- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2024:** ACE Sur de Africa will announce a **call-for-applications** of the third edition of the **ACE Sur de Africa - frA + Embassies of Spain Visiting Lecturers Grants Program 2024** via direct e-mails sent to its associates and institutional stakeholders, posts in social media, etc.
- The call-for-applications will be open for 5 weeks, **submission deadline on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024**. During this time, interested applicants can submit their application via e-mail to [admacesda@gmail.com](mailto:admacesda@gmail.com).
- Only merits in which the applicant is the first or corresponding author will be considered. This will ensure a fair competition of merits and achievements in which applicants have made a significant contribution. The productivity and trajectory of the candidates will be weighted depending on their stage in their professional careers.
- Applications are comprised of 3 parts, all of them to be submitted in one single PDF document:
  - **Part 1 Program of the visit.** [Maximum 2 pages] Provide a description of **(1)** the applicant's research/teaching trajectory in plain language; **(2)** the research/teaching suggested program of the visit; and **(3)** the duration and intended dates of the visit, including the host university/department/ institute in Southern African countries and the name of the responsible person at the receiving institution (<800 words).
  - **Part 2 CV.** [Maximum 4 pages] Include all your merits as a lead author, including peer-review publications, conferences, books, chapters, patents, awarded grants as principal investigator, artwork, received awards, and other merits.
  - **Part 3 Letter from the responsible person.** [Maximum 2 pages] at the receiving institution ensuring the feasibility of the visit.
- All candidates will be notified of the Awards outcomes along July 2024.